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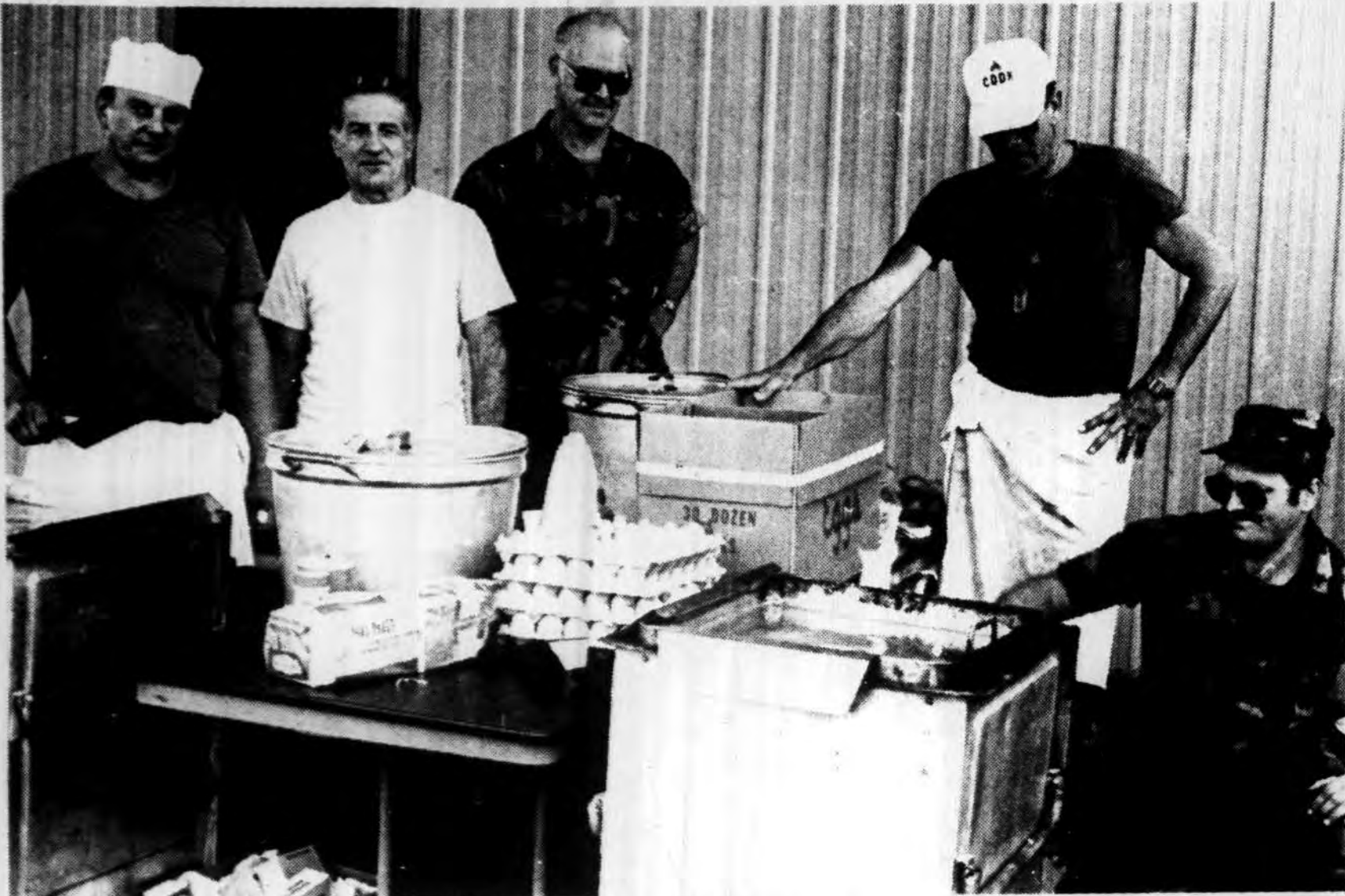
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Many Enjoyed Fest of Fun

In spite of mixed weather consisting mostly of rain and overcast skies, Labor Day weekend for the 14th annual Oktoberfest and two hot air balloon rallies went down in local history books as successes. Not all balloons got off the ground during scheduled flights, but there was a sufficient number to please spectators. Both rallies were in conjunction with the fest program sponsored by Jackson Hose Co. One taking place at Babcock Park at the fest site. The second — the Greit Balloon Rallye — sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, was at Dansville Municipal Airport. Above, left, members of A Company mess section, second of 174th Battalion, Genesee National Guard unit, conducted a field exercise preparing brunch sponsored by the Chamber in the hangar of Matthews Buses Inc. adjacent to the airport. Manning the kitchen are (from left) Spec. 4 Don Miller; Frank Furia, a retired guardsman; E-7 Phil Moyer; E-5 Melvin Graves; and E-5 Dave Quick. At right, the Oktoberfest pavilion dance floor was busy most of the time. Lower left, members of the Walt Grollier band provide music. At the airport, one hot air balloon is nearly ready to cast off as spectators watch.



Special Committee Will Assist Development

School to Draw AIDS Study Course

Using as a guideline a curriculum designed by the New York State Board of Regents, an advisory committee will provide assistance to the Board of Education to develop a program of study for Dansville Central School students on acquired immunity deficiency syndrome (AIDS). The School Board at its meeting last week authorized Donald Bartalo, schools superintendent, to select a proposed list of committee members comprised of school and community people. The list is to be presented to the board at its meeting later this month.

Bartalo reported the group will be charged with drawing up the AIDS course of study to be presented to trustees later this semester. He said the local action is to meet the requirements set by the Board of Regents mandating the AIDS instruction in schools throughout the state. As the program is developed, district residents will be "kept up to date and involved through the district's monthly Parent Information Letters," Bartalo said. Trustees, on the recommendation of its finance committee, authorized wage increases from

\$3.50 hourly to \$4 for non-instructional employees. In another area, Bartalo reported, the board granted instructional aides and monitors sick leave of five days a year cumulative to 25 days in five years and two personal days a year deducted from sick leave. The board also will require annual written performance reviews of all full- and part-time non-instructional employees. The reports are to be filed yearly by May 1.

In other business, the board: Accepted the resignation of JoAnn Collier, high school vocal music instructor. Approved the appointment of

Sherry Tourtual as Junior High School remedial reading instructor under the PSEN program, and Barbara Tabak Dantz as guidance counselor intern. Authorized a two percent handling charge for extended health insurance coverage for employees who no longer work for the district. Received recommendations from Bartalo for district observance of the Bicentennial Celebration of the United States Constitution and an overview of the major concepts contained in the Citizenship Education Curriculum, kindergarten through 12th grade. Approved School Board goals for 1987-88 school year.

Student Count Grows a Little

Dansville Central School enrolled 1,849 students when classes resumed last week for the 1987-88 school year. The census is up by 38 pupils over the number received a year ago. Schools Superintendent Donald Bartalo reported the breakdown by building and classes: Primary, 450 — Kindergarten, 139; first (including pre-first) — 160; second — 151; Elementary, 520 — third, 123; fourth, 123; fifth, 126; sixth, 135; special education, 13. Junior High School, 420 —

seventh, 146; eighth, 127; ninth, 147; Senior High School, 459 — sophomore, 140; junior, 152; and senior, 167. St. Mary's School reported a slight downturn in total students to 173 kindergarten through eighth grade, compared to 178 enrolled a year ago. Officials at the parochial school noted that 63 students were expected to be signed up this week in the three- and four-year-old pre-kindergarten program. A year ago the figure was 55 youngsters.

Set Fishing Fee For Reservoir

After Jan. 1, sportsmen not residing in the village or Town of North Dansville will be required to pay a \$2 fee for a permit to fish at the village storage reservoir in the eastern section of the township.

The ruling was passed by the Dansville Board of Trustees during the board meeting last week. Currently no fee is charged for the fishing privilege. Trustee Robert Minemier, chairman of the board's Legislative Committee, asked for the charge after he noted that 250 permits have been issued to non-residents this year.

It took two votes of the board before final adoption of an amended motion to exclude senior citizens from the fee charge asked for by Trustee Glenn Bovee. Trustees, in a similar action, set a \$5 fee to cover the cost of water and sewer searches required for property transfers.

The Village Board received and accepted a letter of resignation effective Sept. 13 submitted by Police Officer Charles Perkins who is leaving the department to enter the State Police Academy.

Trustees tabled until their next meeting a proposed restriction on parking on all village streets from Nov. 1 to Mar. 1 between the hours of 2 to 6 a.m. The proposal, mostly for snow removal purposes,

was recommended by Police Chief Marc Vernam.

An alternate suggestion by Mayor Michael Kane offered parking restrictions on odd and even days.

Vernam reported that a survey of the village indicates that only four percent of the village residents would be affected by his limited parking proposal.

In other action, the board: Authorized issuance and publication of bond anticipation notes (BAN) for the purchase of two new trucks for the water department and the streets department. The truck for the water department costs \$8,564 with \$3,200 paid from the water fund. The balance will be paid through a BAN of \$5,364. The second note will be for \$12,100 on the streets department truck with five percent of the total or \$638 paid out of the general fund for the vehicle that will cost a total of \$12,738.

Accepted a report of planned activities for the observance of the Bicentennial of the Constitution of the United States, submitted by Quentin Masolotte, coordinator for the local observance.

Received a letter from Alice Burdick regarding the Landmark Preservation Seminar to be at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Dansville

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Board Eyes Solution

New County Jail Bulges at Seams

Livingston County officials will take a long and serious look at an alternative sentencing program in and effort to ease overcrowding in the jail at Genesee.

That decision came at a meeting of the Board of Supervisors last week when it was revealed it would take more than \$30,000 to convert ground-level space at the jail for dormitory prisoner housing. It costs the board \$3,000 to find that out in a study by MRB Associates retained to draw a proposal for the conversion.

The 60-cell jail was opened in 1984 and began to get overcrowded last year. Sheriff

Richard A. Kane now has overflow prisoners boarded at area jails with the cost approaching about \$150,000 a year. There now are about 20 prisoners serving sentences in other jails.

Officials will investigate an alternative sentencing system which is now being utilized successfully in nearby Genesee County. While Livingston's prisoner count is in the 80 range, the average jail population in Genesee is about 25.

Dansville Supervisor Robert Hart said the Genesee County program has judges and justices handing down sentences for community service and other public works

service rather than sending offenders to jail. He expalined that the alternative is used in less serious cases.

A report of the MRB study was given to the board by Caledonia Supervisor Carroll Bickford, chairman of the judicial committee. He called the report's high cost estimate "disappointing." James Steele of Avon, board chairman, said "spending that much money on dormitory space is not out of the question, but the situation demands we try something else first," in referring to the alternative sentencing program.

The next step, officials said, will be to convene a meeting

of town and village justices affiliated with the county Magistrates' Association, county judges and members of criminal justice departments to discuss and explore if the Genesee County system would work in Livingston. Sheriff Kane said the alternative program "is worth a try."

Hart explained that the high cost of renovating the lower area of the jail into dormitory space would be needed to comply with State Department of Correction regulations and indicated that total preparation on such a project would probably be more than \$300,000.

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